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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

German reference 195 23 377 discloses a process for transmitting video signals and an image transmission system for surgical lamps. This reference is discussed in detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion. This reference also corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,808,680, a copy of which is also enclosed.

European reference 989 744 discloses an image transmission system for a video camera. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily

available. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed. This reference is discussed in greater detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

The present invention defines a specific process and device for the video recording of field illuminated by a lamp, which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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